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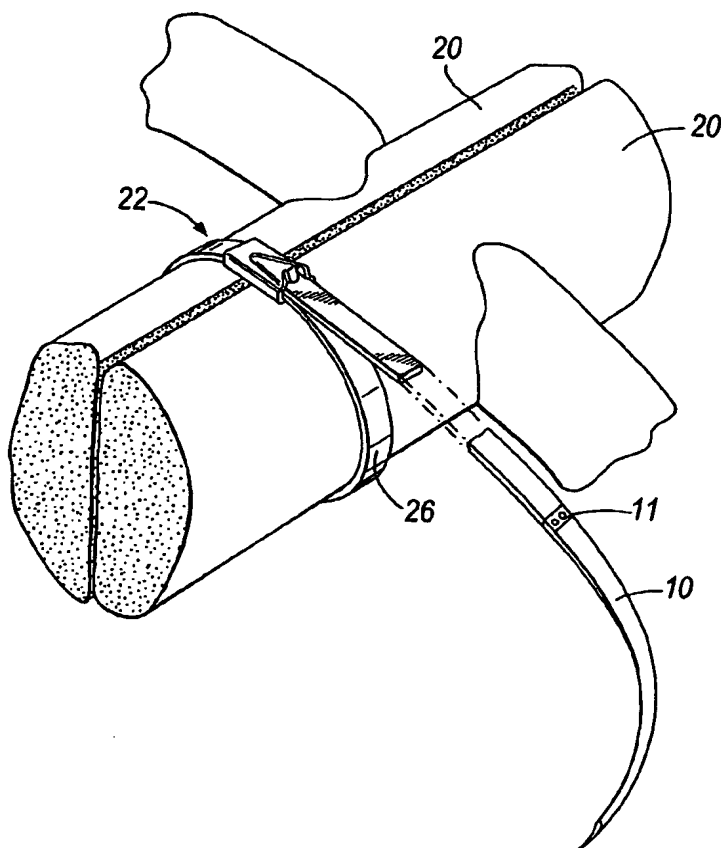
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a suture band device comprising an elongated flexible band having first and second ends, a needle attached to the first end of the band, a buckle attached proximate the second end of the band for receiving and locking the band, characterised in that buckle comprises a locking mechanism which enables the band to be locked at any point along its length.



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